

Town of Branchville
Needs Assessment Hearing
February 22, 2016

The Needs Assessment Hearing with Community and Council under advisement with Metts Engineering for Town of Branchville was held on February 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. A notice was placed on the door of the Town Hall with the time, date, and place of the meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson. Mayor, Council, along with all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Council Member Roll called indicated that all members of council were present except Councilman Blankenship by Clerk Amy Metts.

Guests were welcomed by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson.

Mayor Dickson mentioned that CDB grants coming due March 15, 2016.

Water Plant fined \$9600.

Recommendations from the public.

Only have 2 active Grants per year.

William Metts with Metts Engineering mentioned that anything that the town suggests will go toward an approval community and will rank the importance. Another meeting will be scheduled application will be filled out

Suggestions made:

- Drain ditch cleared to reduce mosquito by citizen Marian Street.
- Old Freight Depot by Councilman Ott.
- Community center by Councilman Ott.
- Money to fix downtown by Councilwoman Bryant.
- Improve water and sewer, replace pipes by Councilman Whisenhunt.
- 1st priority is Waste Water plant (no more fines for town) by Mayor Dickson.
- Police Car by Marian Street.
- Update restrooms at playground by citizen, Marian Street.
- Demolation of old elementary school by Councilman Whisenhunt. Mayor Dickson mentioned that something community / playground wise be done there.
- Housing by Councilman Whisenhunt. Ethan Beeks with Metts Engineering mentioned that it must be public housing. Must do actual survey.

Mr. Wimberly held a meeting with the County about \$0.01 sales tax. Blankenship was asked to attend for Youth Sports.

Old Business:

1. Town of Branchville Laboratory Permit
 - a. Mayor Dickson relinquished our lab to DHEC. The lab has not been used since Tim Cooner. No more fines for the town.

- b. Recertify could be done easily.
- 2. Town of Branchville Community Development Department Citizen Participation Plan
 - a. Group must meet twice a year.
 - b. Council can sit or appoint a citizen to sit.
 - c. Motion to approve plan by Councilman Ott. Second by Councilman Whisenhunt. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session. Executive Session for Contract Agreement with Metts Engineering. Motion by Whisenhunt. Seconded Councilman Dukes. Motion carried.

Council returned from executive session. Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Dickson said that while council was in executive session they discussed a contract agreement. Councilman Whisenhunt made motion to approve Jeffcoat Water Services, LLC immediately to be our Waste Water Operator. Second by Councilman Ott. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Dukes for Metts Engineering a cost analysis to correct Waste Water Plant and CDBG grant. Second by Councilwoman Bryant. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried. The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Metts

Clerk of Court in the absence of Jenny Elliott, Town Clerk/Treasurer